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WHEN WILL IT STOP?

Loved ones outraged over Jersey City youth shooting

By Chris Sykes

JERSEY CITY — Last week, on a cold, snowy morning, the family and friends of 15-year-old Michael Anglin, Jr. of Jersey City came together at Mountain of Deliverance Church to pay their last respects to a young man they feel was taken from them too soon and under very questionable circumstances.

"I'm here at the funeral of my cousin, 15-year-old, shot in the head by police because of a stolen van," said Louvenia Stone. "It was execution-style. They shot him in the back of the head point blank and beat the rest of the kids up and took them to the youth house; said they were involved in a car accident and they know they lied."

Although there are obviously conflicting reports, the single, unalterable truth is that Anglin is dead from a gunshot wound to the head. That wound was caused by a bullet from a police officer's gun, but at this point that's about all we have to go on.

"He was wrong for being in a stolen car, but the cops were more wrong for shooting him. Two wrongs don't make a right," said Rashawn Scott, 15, who described himself as Anglin's "best friend." "It's messed up; police shot him for nothing. It's terrible. Police are supposed to be protecting us, not killing us."

Another one of Anglin's friends, Kareem Darby, 15, said he feels it is no accident that his friend is dead. He said he was one of the last people to see Michael alive and wishes he had listened to the warning he gave him that fateful night. "I told him, 'Mike don't go anywhere, come with us,'" Darby said. "He didn't know the car was stolen. If he had known the car was stolen, then he wouldn't have gotten in."

The official version of the events leading up to the death of Anglin have him and an undisclosed number of other youths — police speculate five — in a stolen van on the night of Jan. 28. Officer Mike Touhy of the Jersey City Police Department spotted the gray, 1987 Chevrolet van driving down Arlington Avenue into the city's South District.

Touhy pursued it and called for backup. Officers Vincent Corsi and Louis Vega responded to the call for backup, police said. According to Hudson County First Assistant Prosecutor Terry Hull, Anglin grabbed the gun in Corsi's holster and wrestled with him for control of it. The gun went off, Anglin was rushed to the Jersey City Medical Center, and pronounced dead at 11:55 p.m.

Anglin's body was taken to Newark for an autopsy by the Medical Examiner's Office. According to police, that is the standard procedure. Standard or not, the way the shooting and its aftermath were handled has left a bad taste in many people's mouths.

"By looking at Mike you could tell he wasn't a threat; what more could he do to you that you couldn't do to him," said Elliott McKnight, 15. "I think shooting him in the head was wrong. Go for the leg, that's training. You go for their leg to bring them down, not to kill them."



The casket of Michael Anglin Jr. is carried to the hearse outside Mountain of Deliverance Church as his grandfather Bishop Pickett watches. photos by Chris Sykes



(Right) A woman consoles a grieving young boy as the casket was carried out of the church, while three of Anglin's friends gather outside the church.

A voice from the grave: The other side of the story

By Gilda Rogers and Rob Williams
Staff Writers

There are always two sides to every story, but in the case of 15-year-old Michael Anglin, Jr., who was shot in the head during an alleged struggle by Vincent Corsi, a Jersey City police officer on the night of January 28, there is a third side to this story that emerges.

Is this another Amadou Diallo — an unjustified shooting, neatly packaged by officers at the scene of the crime for their own protection and sanitation?

An anonymous source revealed to City News another side of this shooting not reported in mainstream media, which prompted the source to call City News.

"The majority of white police officers are racist," said the source, who is a concerned white member of the law enforcement

community. "At 'the spot,' a predetermined place where some officers meet while on duty to hang-out and to 'drink beer,' according to the source, they discussed giving a 'nigger a sun roof.'"

"They [white officers] actually get a syndrome or complex that sometimes ends in tragedy."

If police procedure was followed, according to the source, this did not have to end in tragedy. "The source alleges, 'He violated procedure by having his weapon out. The kid was not armed there is no way he should have had his weapon out. You don't pull your gun out unless you have to take down that perpetrator and you're to take one shot, dead center.' Furthermore according to the source, it's questionable whether Anglin could've removed the gun from the officer's holster."

A police officer with Secret Service training, confirmed with City News that it would be very difficult for a gun to be removed from today's standard holster that uniformed officers wear. "He had other means to subdue this young man," said the source. "Whether his baton, physical stature, the two other officers — the weapon should not have been out. That kid had no weapon, but who's talking up for Anglin. 'People don't speak from the grave in Jersey City,' said the source who is concerned that Anglin's death stemmed from 'negligence, incompetence, or malice. I'm the voice from the grave.'"

Some of the things Anglin cannot say is exactly how many kids were in the stolen van on that night, said our source, who felt the officers involved overstated the number of kids to appear overwhelmed.

"Jersey City is known to rug things" said the source, who alluded to more blatant actions that would suggest there is an attempt to cover-up what happened on the night Anglin died. Some of the sketchy details given Rosette Anglin, Michael's mother, would lend themselves to this notion (See story by Chris Sykes).

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

SUMMIT - Spence-Chapin Adoption Resource (ARC) Workshop Program on "Oneness in Adoption" will be held from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Christ Church. For more information, call (212) 360-0037.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

NEWARK - Bro. Eric Ture Muhammad, Founder of The Black African Holocaust Council presents "The African Slave History of New Jersey, Pt. 1" at 7:00 p.m., The WISCOMM Museum. Free Admission. For more information, call (973) 297-1275 or (718) 596-7569.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

NEWARK - Bro. Eric Ture Muhammad, Founder of The Black African Holocaust Council presents "The African Slave History of New Jersey, Pt. 2" at 7:00 p.m., The WISCOMM Museum. Free Admission. For more information, call (973) 297-1275 or (718) 596-7569.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

NEWARK - A jazz concert, lecture and reception featuring Steve Colson Quintet will be held at the Newark Museum at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

NEW BRUNSWICK - Two family law attorneys will examine divorce law in a free public seminar titled, "What Everyone Should Know About Child Custody, Child Support, and Grandparents' Rights." The seminar will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the NJ Law Center (off Rybelski Lane). For more information, call (1800) FREE-LAW.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

ATLANTIC CITY - Word Champion, Louis Neglia & Ray Longo present the most incredible lighters from around the world for the World Championship Kicking. The event will be held at the Tropicana at 8:00 p.m. For more information, please call 1-800-739-1420.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

NEWARK - Essex County College will offer a Techniques in Substitute Teaching program at the main Newark campus. The four-class course will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on consecutive Saturdays beginning today. For more information call (973) 677-3444.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

ATLANTIC CITY - Kids Fair 2000, a treasure hunt just for kids will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Atlantic City Convention Center. For more information, call (1800) 262-7395.

NEW BRUNSWICK - NJ State Bar Foundation presents a free seminar for the public on "Discrimination in the Workplace" from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call (1800) FREE-LAW.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

ORANGE - Workshops focusing on lesson plan development and structure using the arts will be presented from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Orange High School. For more information, call Irene Toone at (973) 353-9020.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

MANHATTAN - The 2000 New York International Automobile Show will take place through April 30th at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center. For more information, call (201) 752-8666.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Trust for Historic Preservation Week will be celebrated May 14th through May 20th. For more information, call (202) 586-6141.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

ORANGE - Workshops focusing on lesson plan development and structure using the arts will be presented from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Orange High School by theater artist Sean Layne and movement artist Eric Johnson. For more information, call Irene Toone at (973) 353-9020.

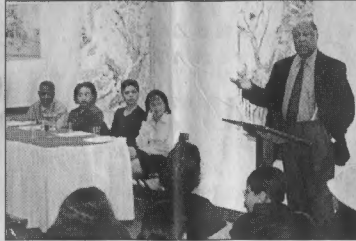
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Malcolm X, political activist (1925-1965)

Author Ernest Gaines speaks at Rider University ceremony



LAWRENCEVILLE - Five Rider University freshman in the Educational Opportunity Program were not only honored to present their papers on contemporary author Ernest Gaines' novel, "A Lesson Before Dying," but the famed author attended the presentations. The five freshmen were Kimberly Addison of Jersey City, Shea Nelson of Montclair, Shacarah Williams of Perth Amboy, Maria Torallo of Kearny, and Vicki Annanya of Union City.

Lucinda Brown receives volunteer award from Giblin Association



NEWARK - The Giblin Association recently held its Annual Community Service Awards Dinner to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to the community in their respective fields. Shown (l-r) George W. Iversen, President of the Giblin Association, Lucinda Brown, 1999 honoree for Volunteer Work and husband Chester Brown of Newark, and Thomas P. Giblin, Standard-Bearer, the Giblin Association.

Black History Moments



Malcolm El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz
1925-1965

Malcolm El-Hajj El-Shabazz was born Malcolm Little on May 19, 1925 in Omaha, Nebraska to Earl and Louise Little. The seventh of his family, Malcolm grew up watching his minister father support the Marcus Garvey movement.

After his mother was institutionalized, he moved to Boston with his sister, and became involved with criminal activities which landed him in prison.

In prison, Malcolm found Allah and the Nation of Islam, and after he got out, he quickly rose to the status of minister with his excellent oratory skills, discipline, and self-education.

In 1958, he married Betty Saunders, and had six daughters, and by 1964, changed his perspective on black nationalism and Islam after a trip to Mecca. Malcolm's life ended when he was shot allegedly by NOI hit men on February 21, 1965.

Rev. Howard Bryant Sr. speaks about Dr. King's Dream at Kean



UNION - Kean University hosted a reception in honor of Dr. Martin L. King Jr. and welcomed Rev. Howard A. Bryant Sr. as its guest speaker. Bryant, Interim Pastor of Third Westminster Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth, was active in the civil rights movement. Bryant delivered an emotional speech on "The Dream, the Dreamer, and the Dream Deferred."

Two new trustees sworn to the NJCU Board of Trustees



JERSEY CITY - (L-r) President Dr. Carlos Hernandez of NJCU at a recent campus ceremony, with John J. Moore, Esq. of Teaneck, chair of the New Jersey City University Board of Trustees, administered the oath of office to two new trustees: Ieoma Usoka of Aberdeen, an NJCU senior who is majoring in mathematics, and Wanda Webster Stanbury of Trenton, a human resources specialist who is president of Management Interventions, Inc. of Trenton.

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NCNW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) is now accepting nominations for its Eleventh Annual Excellence in Teaching Awards program. This program pays tribute to the legacy of Mary McLeod Bethune, by honoring exceptional public school teachers of African American students who are living the philosophy of the NCNW founder. The program also highlights the teaching profession as a viable and prestigious career option. Six regional winners and one national winner are selected from around the country and are recognized at ceremonies in conjunction with the NCNW's Black Family Reunion Celebrations. Nominations must be received by March 31, 2000. For more information about the national Excellence in Teaching Awards program or to receive an application, contact Cheryl Whitson at (202) 383-9150 or (202) 737-0120.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PERVERSIVE WORLDWIDE

WASHINGTON (IPS) At least one of every three women worldwide has been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise physically abused during her life, according to a major new report released by a leading U.S. public health research institution. The report, "Ending Violence Against Women," is based on some 500 case studies of domestic abuse around the world. It noted governments and international organizations have become increasingly outspoken against such abuse, but also found institutional responses from local health workers and police generally have lagged far behind. Published by Johns Hopkins University's School of Public Health in Baltimore and the Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE), the 43-page report said physical and sexual abuse against women must be considered "the most pervasive yet least recognized human rights abuse in the world." Lori Heise, co-director of CHANGE and lead author of the report said, "Without exception, women's greatest risk of violence comes not from 'stranger danger' but from men they know, often male family members or husbands." The report focused mainly on two types of violence: abuse of women within marriage and other intimate relationships, and coerced sex, whether it takes place in childhood, adolescence or adulthood. These types of abuse — as opposed to rape during war, female infanticide, trafficking in women and female genital mutilation — are by far the most common forms of abuse against women, the report says.

NBFA'S BOYD TOSSES HIS HAT INTO THE POLITICAL ARENA

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — John Boyd, president of the National Black Farmers Association, has announced he will run as a Democrat against Rep. Virgil H. Goode Jr. Goode, who said last week he is leaving the Democratic Party, will seek re-election as an independent and will participate in policy-making caucuses with the Republican Party. Boyd accused Goode of "skipping out."

"Anytime you take Democratic funds and skip parties, you have done wrong ... to the people who supported you," he said. "I will be true to the Democratic Party." Boyd said he has been courted by national Democratic leaders, including House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, Michigan Rep. John Conyers and California Rep. Maxine Waters.

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) has publicly promised to go door-to-door in her District of Columbia neighborhood, making sure folks check the mail for the U.S. Census form coming their way in March. Meanwhile in New York, a black lawyers group is conducting a census education campaign that began last fall to allay fears and counter misinformation about the count's purpose.

Community Must Know What's At Stake

"It's up to community organizations to let the community know what's at stake," said Melanie L. Campbell, executive director of the National Coalition of Black Voter Participation, a Washington D.C. based umbrella of organizations helping to lead the campaign. "We have to own that."

"This is one of those times we need our community to come together," she said.

The U.S. Census is the federal government sponsored count of the nation's population. Conducted at the start of every decade, its data is used to decide how congressional districts are drawn, how approximately \$180 billion in federal funds — including those for public schools — will

Help make the Black community count!



be spent, and how businesses will view areas for development. The form is scheduled to arrive in the mailbox of every American home this March, with an April 1 return deadline. Census staff will visit homes of undercounted areas shortly thereafter.

Slightly more than four percent of African American were undercounted by the 1990 census, according to the U.S. Census Monitoring Board. It stated that people of color, poor people and children made up most of the 3.4 million persons missed by the last census. Undercounts affect the bottom line of many cities.

For example, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Detroit — three of 10 cities where 40 percent of African Americans live, state the board's 1990 statistics — are among 34 cities that lost a total of \$36 million in state and federal funds due to undercounts, according to a United States Conference of Mayors report.

As Important As The Black Vote

The census push is being paired with their "get out the vote" fall election campaigns. Local activists said they are trying to explain to their communities that filling out and returning

the census form is as important as the ballot they will cast this November.

"The census is central to every aspect of life for Brooklyn residents," asserted Hakeem Jeffries, chairperson of the Committee for Legal and Social Progress, a borough-based organization of Black lawyers. The borough has one of the largest concentrations of Blacks in the United States. "We need to have proper representation in the houses (of government) that represent us," he said. The efforts of Jeffries and others are mirrored by national black organizations such as the

NAACP

Reluctant To Let The Government Into Our Homes

A major challenge is to convince skeptical residents that personal data gathered by the census is neither forwarded to nor shared by other government departments, law enforcement agencies and credit bureaus. This apprehension has its roots in a long history of negative government interaction with African Americans. Flashpoints include using black men as guinea pigs in the effects of syphilis during the 1940s, the monitoring and repression of the Black Panther Party and other groups in the late 1960s, and recent allegations of a CIA partnership with Nicaraguan rebels who were said to have flooded black communities with illegal drugs during the 1980s. John Chambers, a spokesperson for the U.S. Census Monitoring Board, admits the attitude of some blacks toward the federal government is "a barrier." But he emphasized it is illegal for the bureau to share information on any individual with any government agency, including the Internal Revenue Service. "We (the monitoring bureau) don't have a history of doing our people wrong, according to Chambers, who is black.

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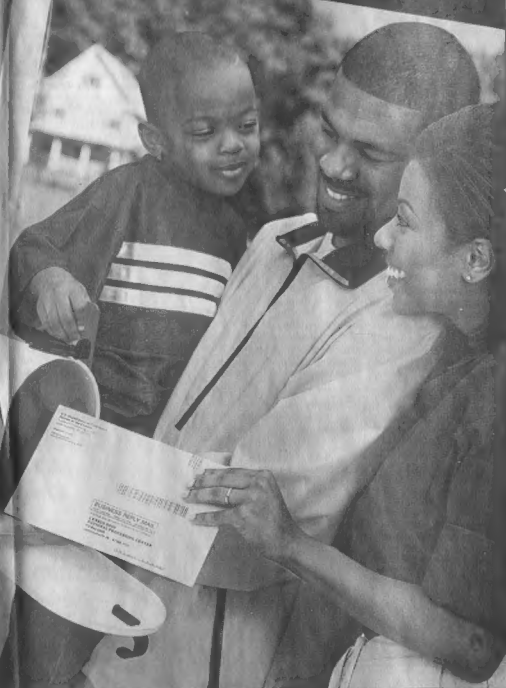
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Love is a lovely thing

I received a special lift the other day on my way into work, which set the tone for my day. As I was approaching the front door of the building, a gentleman rushed to open the door for me. And his action had nothing to do with him trying to get with me, or even to know me, he was just simply being a gentleman, and I truly appreciated his kind gesture. As a matter of fact, I was kind of taken aback by his urgent response to me. And for all of you who kind of know how I ingest and digest things — well his act got me to thinking — about the simple pleasures of life. In keeping with good spirit and reacting to it, you never know how the simplest act of kindness can change the course of someone's day. Bringing home a rose for the love of your life, for no other reason than, just because, believe me, goes a long way, especially, since I can't remember the last one that came my way. A card that expresses what you might find hard to say to a loved one, surely, is a pickier upper. And certainly a "hey baby you look beautiful today," will serve as an unforgettable moment. Really, the simple pleasures of life mean a lot more than people care to think about. The more I've gotten in tune with people and myself, I've often pondered how hard it is for us to express love, but hate, oh we can speak that quicker than a thought. It is something very wrong in this comparison, wouldn't you agree? Love should be as easy as Sunday morning, but we practice making it an impossible dream. Now, of course, there are many facets of love (spousal, friends, co-workers and so on) — choose one and go for it. Love is truly an omnipresent thing!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

The failure of South Carolina legislators to remove the Confederate flag from atop their building is misguided.

Whatever the rationales for maintaining the chief symbol of Southern rebellion in this exalted position, it serves only as a reminder of the shameful history of American slavery and the refusal of some to accede to the Supreme Court's pronouncement that separate is not equal.

Some claim that the flag merely serves to commemorate the ancestral heritage of those whose families fought in the Civil War. But this contention is belied by the fact that the flag was raised above the Statehouse

in 1962 — a show of defiance against federal enforcement of the Supreme Court's desegregation orders.

The flag was, and is now, a symbol of exclusion and division. Not surprisingly, it had been co-opted by extremist groups to convey their messages of hate and intolerance.

Every American of good will must affirm our nation's commitment to the principle of equality for all. The South Carolina legislature should heed the call, coming from across the nation, to remove the Confederate flag from state grounds now.

President of The American Jewish Committee

U.S. repays Natives, but allusive on black reparations

(NNPA) — Just recently Department of Energy Secretary Bill Richardson announced an agreement for the largest voluntary return of land to Native Americans. The mineral rich land, which was taken from the Ute reservation in Utah in 1916. This positive step by the U.S. to make reparations to Native Americans has received a big thumbs up across the nation. But many Black leaders are still wondering when the country will make reparations for slavery?

"That out of the lands thus seized and confiscated by operations of the war and the aftermath to the constitution or otherwise, who resided in said 'Confederate states' on the 4th day of March, A.D. 1861, or since shall have distributed to them as follows, namely: to each adult male, whether the head of family, forty acres to be held by them in fee simple, but to the male heirs for the next ten years after they become seized thereof" More than 400 years ago this promise was made to slaves in the form of forty acres and a mule. To this date the government has yet to make good on this promise.

Just recently TransAfrica Forum President Randall Robinson released a book *The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks*, which explores the issue of reparations to African Americans for slavery.

The Los Angeles Times also reported black activist Robert Black saying government should compensate the descendants of captured Africans enslaved in America for "loss of

culture and humanity." Brock has presented a bill to the U.S. Congress in his effort to obtain reparations.

Brock notes that reparations were made to Japanese-Americans and estimates that black reparations would fall somewhere in between. He said he was propelled to action after reading about President Andrew Johnson's veto of post-Civil War legislation which could have provided former slaves with forty acres and a mule.

Others who have pushed for reparations are Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan and U.S. Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), who introduced a bill for a committee to examine the impact of slavery and racism on blacks.

"Why should white people be allowed to keep our ancestors money?" Brock asked. "Nobody would take another person's labor. Labor is the basis for all wealth."

He said morally and legally the government owes blacks money because they were enslaved by white people who are now wealthy because of their labor. According to John William Templeton, executive editor of *Griot*, the African-American, African and Caribbean business daily, the issue will not go away.

"Most blacks assume it will never happen because they are unaware of the legal precedents in international and American law or the decades-long struggle to bring about reparations. Many of these efforts are now beginning to bear fruit," he stated.

Former basketball star and current Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley hasn't fouled an opponent on the basketball court in years, but lately he's fouling the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Bradley claims the congressional vote on the Act led him to the political party he would join. Oh, really?

On October 9, 1999 at an Iowa Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner, Bradley exclaimed: "I remember the exact moment that I became a Democrat. It was the summer of 1964; I was an intern in Washington, D.C., with my junior and senior year in college. And I was in the Senate chamber the night the 1964 Civil Rights Act passed that desegregated public accommodations in America. And I became a Democrat because it was the party of justice. It was Democrats that stepped forward that evening in the Senate and cast their vote that washed away the stain of segregation in this country."

I believe that Democrats have led about who supported the Civil Rights Act for so long that they actually believe their lies. But anytime this lie is retold, I feel compelled to debunk it. So here we go again.

In the House of Representatives, 61% of Democrats (152 for, 96 against) voted for the Civil Rights Act; 92 of the 103 southern Democrats voted against it. Among Republi-

cans, 80% (138 for, 34 against) voted for it. Since Bradley was interned in the Senate, why doesn't he remember the major role the Republicans played in fighting for civil rights? During the Eisenhower Administration, the Republican Party made more progress in civil rights than in the preceding 80 years.

The historical facts and numbers show the Republican Party was more for civil rights than the Democrats for "the party of justice," as Bill Bradley called it. The Civil Rights Act of 1964, in reality, could not have been passed without Republican votes.

At the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson praised the Republicans for their "overwhelming" support. Roy Wilkins, then-NAACP chairman, awarded Republican Senate Minority

Education, intellectual warfare, and African American History Month

By Dr. Conrad W. Worrill

African American History Month is a very important, continuing effort, for African people in America to educate and re-educate ourselves about our history and its relationship to the important ideas that shape how we see the world.

During African American History Month, we are still challenged today to create an educational climate that inspires African youth in America to understand that the purpose of education is to develop the skills and historical understanding of the past as it relates to the present and future in preparation for working for self and the liberation of African people.

This is the challenge of the 21st Century to defeat the 100 year tradition established by the United States government who created curriculums for African in America designed to prepare them to work for white folks.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who founded in February of 1926, what at the time was called "Negro History Week," would indeed be inspired by the on-going discussion and debate over the contributions of African people to the history of the world.

The movement led by Woodson helped lay the foundation for the current African Centered Education Movement that has

become the catalyst for the intense study of Africa and the history of African people throughout the world 365 days a year.

It is against this backdrop that the Kemetic Institute of Chicago, the National

we are still challenged today to create an educational climate that inspires African youth in America to understand that the purpose of education is to develop the skills and historical understanding of the past as it relates to the present and future in preparation for working for self and the liberation of African people.

Black United Front, Chicago Chapter, and the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations, Midwest Region, is sponsoring a Community Forum featuring Dr. Jacob Carruthers discussing his recently published work, "Intellectual Warfare," in the preface of intellectual Warfare,

Leader Everett Dirksen of Illinois' The Leadership Conference of Civil Rights Award for his "remarkable civil rights leadership." Moreover, civil rights activist Andrew Young wrote in his book "An Easy Burden" that the southern segregationists were all Democrats, and it was black Republicans who could effectively influence the appointment of federal judges in the South. Young added that the best civil rights judges were Republicans appointed by President Dwight Eisenhower and that "these judges are among the most unsung heroes of the civil rights movement."

The historical facts and numbers show the Republican Party was more for civil rights than the Democrats for "the party of justice," as Bill Bradley called it. The Civil Rights Act of 1964, in reality, could not have been passed without Republican votes. It is an "injustice" for contemporary Democratic politicians and the liberal news media to continue to not give the Republicans credit for their civil rights triumphs. Now is the time for Republicans to start informing the masses of these African American historical triumphs to lead them back to their "home party."

R. D. Davis is a member of Project 21 and a writer and radio talk show host in Huntsville, Alabama.

'Back to Sleep' campaign focuses on eliminating racial disparity in SIDS rates

By Tipper Gere

Recently in Washington, D.C., a group of African-American church leaders met with their members to discuss ways to inform parents and other caregivers in their communities about strategies for preventing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), a disproportionate killer of black babies in many parts of the country. Those at the meeting experienced a powerful moment when a young mother, shared her story about the sudden death of her baby daughter several years ago. Passing out photos of her baby, Linda said to the group, "They say you will get over it but you don't. I think of her every day."

Those moving forward with Linda were more than enough to set the stage for the critical work at hand at the meeting and beyond: to find effective and creative ways to inform other parents about SIDS (sometimes called "crib death"), so that they will not have to visit the same heartache as Linda.

SIDS is the leading cause of infant death in children age one month to one year old in the United States. It is particularly devastating for African-American babies and their families, who have a SIDS incident rate

that more than doubles the rate in white babies. That is an unacceptable health reality that warrants our immediate focus and energy.

While research continues, there is one proven, effective strategy which was introduced several years ago to reduce the SIDS risk. In 1992, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommended putting healthy infants on their backs when they went to sleep to reduce the risk of SIDS. This simple, but effective recommendation led to a nationwide campaign that I was proud to lead and continue to promote today. "Back to Sleep" campaign.

"Back to Sleep" was launched in 1994 by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) or the National Institutes of Health and was sponsored by a coalition of public and private organizations. We have continually reminded families and caregivers of the "Back to Sleep" recommendations over these years, but our fight against SIDS is not over. In fact, I would like to take the opportunity to pass along the reminder that as winter approaches in many parts of the country, a time when babies are bundled in warm covers, please place your babies on their backs to sleep and make sure

that infants' heads remain uncovered during sleep. Proper safe practices you can put into action to help reduce the tragic risk of SIDS:

- placing the baby to sleep on a firm mattress
- removing soft bedding and stuffed toys from the crib;
- banning smoking around the baby before and after birth;
- guarding against overheating the baby during sleep;
- and educating all caregivers, including child-care providers and grandparents about ways to help reduce the risk of SIDS.

The results of the "Back to Sleep" campaign are quite impressive. The intervention has made a dramatic impact on SIDS in the United States overall. In the United States, the number of SIDS deaths decreased from nearly 5,000 in 1992 to less than 2,900 today. Yet, five years later, we need to renew and strengthen our efforts to reach "Back to Sleep" message to parents and caregivers in African-American communities because the number of black infants still remains among the country's highest.

Those of us working with the "Back to Sleep" campaign have made a major decision that we expect will continue the success of this initiative and more effectively reach out to minority parents. To accomplish this goal, we are going to expand our work and partnerships of "Back to Sleep" to better promote this important health information.

To accomplish this goal, the NICHD, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the federal government's Health Resources and Services Administration, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the SIDS Alliance and the Association of SIDS and Infant Mortality Programs have established a new partnership with the National Black Child Development Institute. Together, these public and private organizations will focus on increasing the placement of infants on their backs to reduce the incidence of SIDS in African-American communities in a new outreach effort. It is important that we listen to and learn from people in the African-American community, who know how to communicate their needs in a culturally sensitive way. The church and community leaders are still developing the outreach strategy and, in a community-wide effort to help protect our most vulnerable resource, our children.

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NEWARK — The U.S. Small Business Administration offers a SBA Loan Application Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon at the SBA's office located at Two Gateway Center. For more information, call (973) 645-2434.

NEWARK — Greater Newark Business Development Consortium presents a workshop: Develop the Business Idea & SBA Microloan Application from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the RBP Seminar & Conference Center, The National Network Building. For more information, call (973) 242-4128.

PLAINFIELD — United National Bank presents a special session devoted to the types of financing available from banks, county, state and federal agencies and from the private sector for women in business. This session will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the United National Bank Community Education Center. For more information, call (908) 753-7384.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

NEWARK — The SCORE Association presents a seminar titled "Starting and Managing Your Own Business." Registration is at 8:30 a.m.; the Seminar Program is from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (973) 645-3962.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey Bar Foundation hosts a seminar on estate and federal income tax at the New Jersey Law Center. For more information, call (908) 753-5000.

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EDISON — NJ Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) presents: A Media Panel 6:00 p.m. at the Clanton Hotel, Route 27. For more information, call (732) 238-6408.

CAIDEN — The U.S. Small Business Administration's Business Information Center presents a seminar on QuickBooks from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Camden County College. For more information, call (609) 338-1817.

CPAs provide online assistance

ROSELAND — Online tax preparation assistance is now available on the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants website, www.njcpa.org.

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This year, the NJCPA is offering three online resources,

Find-A-CPA, the 1999 Tax Guide and E-CPA. An online referral service, Find-A-CPA — www.njcpa.org/findcpa — is available to the public 24-hours a day to search for a CPA firm by location, client service, industries served, size of firm and foreign languages spoken.

In addition to Find-A-CPA, the NJCPA online 1999 Tax Guide — www.njcpa.org/taxguide, is available to assist small businesses and individuals in preparing for the 1999 tax season. The

guide provides basic tax information, helpful tax trimming tips, and articles and links to other resources, including sections on when and where to file and how to find and use a CPA.

E-CPA is a free, email newsletter available to the public that will serve as a resource to assist planning and tax matters. The newsletter will be emailed monthly and will contain news, tips and information on the range of services provided by CPAs.

Freehold NAACP and Fannie Mae meet on home ownership

By Avery Grant

FREEHOLD — The Freehold Area NAACP hosted a meeting with representatives from Fannie Mae and Fleet Bank to discuss plans for opening a resource center to help low to moderate income families acquire home financing.

Fannie Mae is a congressionally chartered, publicly traded company that buys mortgages from original lenders and banks. Early in 1999, the national office of the NAACP and Fannie Mae signed a five-year agreement to expand mortgage financing, home ownership counseling and information to help under-served and minority families become homeowners.

Julius Ramsey, president of the Freehold Area NAACP, who hosted the meeting, said, "We want to establish this community development resource center to provide information on loan availability, rates, and homeownership counseling that would help people buy homes and keep them."

Fannie Mae has committed itself to investing \$18 billion in New Jersey over five years to encourage banks to finance thousands of loans for home buyers in the state's urban centers. To administer the program in New Jersey, Fannie Mae has already established a New Jersey Partnership office with Tim Touhey as director.

"We are in alliance with partners like Fleet Bank to provide homeownership, and clearly urban redevelopment will be the emphasis of the (national) administration in New Jersey," Touhey said.

The Fannie Mae loan program targets families with household incomes of less than \$38,400. It also includes the purchase of households, recently arrived immigrants, and people with credit problems, purchasers of two- and three-family homes.

Ramsey said that the income buyers of housing built by nonprofit housing units.

The mortgage financing includes a full range of mortgage

products and flexible underwriting guidelines to make them accessible for the applicants.

"Fleet would like to find out the needs of the community through working with the NAACP and we can develop lending programs to match those needs," said Cheryl Davis, assistant vice president and Affordable Lending coordinator for Fleet Bank.

Touhey emphasized that Fannie Mae wants to help redevelop highly areas and, "put boarded-up properties in the communities back on the tax rolls." Wilbur Russell, Asbury Park City Manager, said, "I definitely want to know how we in Asbury Park can tap into that \$18 billion, and I see this as a possible answer to our prayers to help redevelop our city."

Monmouth County Freeholder Theodore Naroznik said Monmouth County uses its Community Development Block Grant federal funding to improve our quality of life, and, "we use \$200,000 in our Home Investment Program to help first-time home buyers with closing costs and downpayments." The county's program is administered by its Fair Housing Office and is limited to \$10,000 per applicant.

John Blair, the county's Fair Housing Officer, urged the NAACP and the participants to work with the homeowners to teach them about the benefits of homes and to budget. All agreed that homeownership counseling was critical to successful and continuing homeownership.

Joyce W. Harley, Fleet Bank's senior vice president for community development, concurred financing options to meet the needs, that the bank would conduct homeownership counseling organizations.

Ramsey said that the Freehold Area NAACP will work with the national NAACP to establish a resource center, but would like to initiate the education

and counseling workshops as soon as possible.

Market report: Black dollar worth \$500 Billion

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (NNPA) — The American Advertiser must understand two major points about the minority consumer: people of color will soon dominate the national population, and the ethnic market believes it is important that the companies they buy from are reinvesting into the ethnic communities.

That was the assessment of Clyde C. Allen, president of Allen Partners, Inc. Blacks alone represent 8.2 percent of the buying power in the United States. Fiscally, that amounts to \$332 billion per year.

"We can become the foundation

of business transactions in America if we understand where we are statistically in the economic structure," Allen said. "We need to not only have the statistics available but learn to use them to our favor."

Allen's company compiled the 2000 Urban Consumer Market Report for this year's National Alliance of Market Developers Conference scheduled to be held in New Orleans, La. in April. Some of the statistics revealed were compelling.

For instance, the American population size for the year 2000 indicated that 82 percent of the nation's inhabitants are white,

13 percent are black and 11 percent are Hispanic. However, by the year 2050, 50 percent of the population will be white, 25 percent will be Hispanic and 15 percent black.

Blacks statistically agree that black magazines, television news and radio are the "most trusted media source."

The report provides statistics on the following categories: population data, buying power, communications, computers, Internet, Ketchum, Study, beverage, financial service, radio, consumer electronics, entertainment, books, apparel, travel and automobiles.

Rainbow/PUSH Wall Street Project launches new website initiative

NEW YORK — Last month the Rainbow/PUSH Wall Street Project launched a first of its kind web site for minorities in the financial industry.

The site, www.financialproject.com, serves as a central location for minority business professionals and entrepreneurs to meet and provide a forum for financial service firms to showcase themselves.

"We created this site because historically, many financial service firms have done a less than adequate job of hiring, promoting and cultivating minority talent,"

said Rev. Jesse Jackson, the president of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

The overall aim of the web site is to serve as a central information site for minorities in the financial industry as well as those interested in careers on Wall Street. The site will profile different companies that recruit and employ minority employees and minority entrepreneurs as well as high-ranking minorities at major firms.

The site is designed to build the bridge between minority and financial communities. It is unique as it provides an opportunity



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Using the internet could mean money for minorities

WASHINGTON — Entrepreneurs who utilize the World Wide Web have higher sales and revenues. Their companies earned an average of \$3.79 million a year compared to \$2.72 million for small businesses overall, but barriers block many from joining the 21st century economy. These findings emerged from a recent government survey of small business executives. According to the 28-page U.S. Small Business Administration report "E-commerce: Small Businesses Venture Online," as many as 35 percent of small businesses maintain their own Web site.

The report found that while e-commerce facilitates customer identification, advertising, consumer sales, business-to-business transactions and some busi-

ness-to-consumer point-of-sale transactions, small firms face particular barriers to utilizing e-commerce in their businesses.

Initial start-up costs, difficulty attracting and keeping technically-skilled personnel to service the site and customers, security of the business's and customers' data, and consumer trust act as barriers for most small businesses.

"The use of e-commerce opens a universe of new venues for small businesses and consumers to exchange information, goods and services," said SBA attorney Jere W. Glover. "Consumers are on the Internet because of the price and choice available to them there. Small businesses lack the marketing budget and they will likely lead the way in e-commerce."

Black people respond to targeted marketing campaigns

According to a report by Packaged Facts, black people are highly receptive to financial services that are marketed to them. Example: Deluxe Corporation, by creating a check series commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, exceeded their market projections by 15%.

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NNPA—"Human thought, like God, makes the world in its own image." Adam Clayton Powell Jr.

Many of us deprecate the power of our own minds, our ability to think, cogitate, dream and visualize. We don't think in terms of success, accomplishment, or dream of a world in which we as African people are powerful unless it is using someone else's model. We have the power to think anything we want and we have the ability to conjure up in our mind's eye things that have never existed or happened before. We are far from being poor, pathetic and destitute. We are far more powerful than we realize. We are not who or what our enemies say we are. We carry in our genes the genius of our ancestors, people who built magnificent civilizations, invented mathematics, agriculture, metallurgy, music, human relationships and governance.

We are all that. What are we doing with this genius we have inherited? As the late preacher/politician Adam Clayton Powell Jr. succinctly observed, human thought makes the world in its own image. Broadcast executive and activist Bob Law said "Ideas rule the world. Whose ideas are you tap dancing to?" What do your ideas reveal about you? Our thinking is the catalyst and foundation for our lives. Energy follows thought. Our lives reveal the quality of our thoughts. I know this is difficult to comprehend because we have been duped into being other directed. But it is true. Our behavior is motivated by our thoughts, values, desires and what we think is possible. What do you think is possible for your life? If you are poor it is not because your parents were poor or because of racism and, yes, there are factors. You are poor primarily because you have a poverty consciousness.

Many of our ancestors were dirt poor, uneducated but they were able to galvanize their resources, harness their dreams and inner strength and put themselves in a position/frame of mind for OMNIBUS (omnicompetence, omnipotence, omnipresence) to assist them. It's doesn't always mean having money. Success may be a phone call that gets you an appointment with someone who can put in a word for you or introduce you to someone who can assist you. Don't always think it has to be about someone putting money in your hand. Often a rejection spurs your determination to press your way to and behold in a few hours, days, weeks, months or years (yes it often takes years for our break to come) the door opens. You are not poor as long as you are alive and have the animating life force keeping your heart beating, regulating your blood flow, digesting your food and providing inspiration to keep you going. You aren't doing any of that consciously yourself and that is a blessing because if you are like me I sometimes forget where I put my keys, papers and things. We have inner resources we rarely use. We have imagination, our will and vision. We can refuse to give up. We have the power to decide our fate and our character. That is awesome. You and only you set the tone and tempo for the quality of your life. Yes there are circumstances beyond our control but there are many that we do have direct control over, like how we see ourselves and our potential. We have the power to define and perceive the world any way we want.

Is your perception of your self your life and the world positive or negative? Is the proverbial glass half empty or half full? Do you consider yourself a genius or have you allowed others to define you, limit your horizon, your course and destination? This is no joke nor is it bogus psychological quackery. It is real. You are more powerful than you realize. In what way will you manifest your genius? What obstacles will you overcome? I can't tell you how great you are, because in my mind I have achieved a world where we are.

Love Supreme: It's what real love is all about!

By Gilda Rogers

How many times have you been in love, or at least thought you were in love? Probably, too many times, which then would automatically put you in the "until the novelty wore off" category. What is love? How do you know for sure if it is the real thing? The best way to find the answer to these questions is to pick up a copy of the new book "Love Supreme" by Ta'Ressa and Calvin Stovall. This husband and wife team have compiled a book filled with stories that will assuredly give you something to measure your love thing up to. Shanda Laws, a 30 plus single black female was attracted to the book because of the cover and the title. "I don't normally read these types of books," said Laws. "But after I saw the title and cover then I read the forward and it really interested me." Laws was so impressed with what she read, that City News thought we'd share her view of this book with you.

Q. What interested you about the forward?
A. It shows you how everything relates to love in our lives. Love is the essential thing. It gives us our life force.

Q. What were some of your favorite stories in the book?
A. One of my favorite stories in

the book was "On Common Ground." This story talked about the marriage of Lateefah Aziz and Steven Gerald-Jones, who were both well known entertainers. They had a inter-faith wedding, one of the largest because they were big promoters in the industry. Her father was an international representative for the Nation of Islam. Not only did they have to bring different religions and beliefs into their marriage but they really had to become friends and knock down stereotypes.

Their marriage lasted two years and six months to the day before the husband died of an aneurism. Unlike many contemporary couples they kept the words "obey" in their wedding vows. They agreed to obey each other wishes to obey God, and to obey the sanctity of marriage. We as black women look at the word obey in a negative form. And this couple changed it into something positive.

Another couple I read about was Patricia Blackman and Brian Foster in the story "Through the Fire." This couple fell in love at a very young age and eventually became hooked on drugs and the husband became a drug dealer. They both went to jail and when they were both down and out, they found themselves in a homeless shelter. It was that that brought them back together and they got



Ta'Ressa & Calvin Stovall
Read Life Stories of Real Love



Calvin and Ta'Ressa Stovall

were in the homeless shelter.

Q. What did you draw personally from this book?

A. The basic foundation of love was you face whatever obstacles no matter what. You can face anything by having love in your life. I also discovered that you must put your love and trust in your partner, because it was love that brought you together in the first

place.

This book, according to Laws, shows you how we as Black folks with our different struggles that we had to face we did it with love. We had a love of our people and culture and that is what kept it alive. We brought it from Africa and cultivated it in America.

**Rev. Carolyn Guidry,
addresses NNPA
Black publishers**

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (NNPA) - The Rev. Carolyn Tyler-Guidry of Indio, California brought "good news" to members of the National Newspaper Publishers Association at a prayer breakfast during the organization's recent mid-winter conversation. Rev. Guidry, one of two female clergy seeking to be elected bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 2000, began her message by reminding the publishers that she is a minister not a speaker.

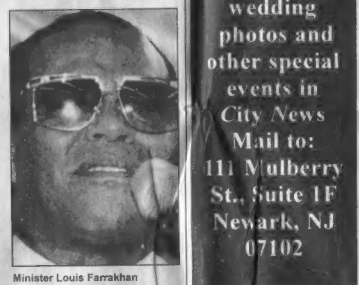
Using "Good News" as the title of her message, she eloquently paralleled good news stories of the Bible to the publishers' role in their communities. From the angel who brought the news of Jesus' birth, to the good news of salvation brought by Jesus' life, Rev. Guidry said black newspapers have the great responsibility to inform its readers. She said be it good or bad, the news must be told.

The Black Press is our link to what's going on. You have a responsibility to print the truth from the inside and out. If you lie to us, we have no one to trust." Rev. Guidry is currently the Presiding Elder of the Los Angeles-Pasadena District of the A.M.E. Church. The Rev. Vashli McKenzie of Maryland is the most female minister vying for the role of bishop.

Min. Farrakhan announces World Islamic Conference

CHICAGO — The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan has announced a World Islamic Conference to be held during the Nation of Islam's Saviors Day celebration Feb. 24-27 in Chicago. In an official statement, Farrakhan said, "We are calling for an Islamic Family Reunion of all those who love Islam, whether from the point of view of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Imam Warith Deen Muhammad, or any of the many schools of thought of the great Islamic Scholars."

From Feb. 24-27th the World Islamic People's Leadership will have its second Islamic Conference in the United States. Scholars from 22 nations covering the entire Muslim World have been invited and have consented to be our guests," he said.



Minister Louis Farrakhan

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done you best but it turned out wrong, And now your grandchildren have
come along **START OVER**

SHOUT 2000 Gospel Tour makes a stop at Newark's Symphony Hall

AUBURN HILLS, MI — DaimlerChrysler Corporation has signed on as the sole presenting sponsor of the major gospel concert tour of the new millennium. DaimlerChrysler Presents "SHOUT 2000" gospel tour will bring together some of today's hottest gospel stars on one stage, including a award winning artist/producer Fred Hammond, Grammy-nominee Yolanda Adams and vocal group Men of Stand and Dawkins and the Rev. Don McClurkin.

The tour will travel 32 cities one stop being Newark, Feb. 9, 2000, where this gospel tour will perform at Symphony Hall. "Gospel music is one of the fastest-growing segments in the music industry today," said Charles Hudson, Director, Diversity Marketing and Special Projects for DaimlerChrysler. "Although its roots are deep in the African American community, today this music has universal appeal and provides DaimlerChrysler with a means of connecting with a very important consumer base."

community including the NAACP Image Awards, the National Black Arts Festival, the Bayou Classic and the "Motion Through Art" competition, to name a few.

"We at DaimlerChrysler are extremely proud to be affiliated with this tour and these artists whose creativity and innovation is pushing the expression of gospel music to another level," said Hudson. "This is sure to be one of the most dynamic gospel tours of the new millennium."

Artist/Producer Fred Hammond has become the architect behind the latest phenomenon to his gospel music-praise and worship with an "urban attitude" This "new" sound mingles smooth-flowing rhythms and funk grooves with positive messages of encouragement.

Yolanda Adams stands poised as one of today's premiere female vocalists. Blessed with a voice infused with a unique blend of jazz, gospel and R&B, she has the rare ability to deliver each song with emotional sincerity and transport her audiences musically. In 1990, Adams was hailed as the best, most versatile contemporary gospel vocalist since Aretha Franklin.

Joining Hammond and Adams are Men of Standard, Dawkins and Dawkins and Grammy-nominee Rev. Donnie McClurkin.



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WLIV 21 New York Public Television commemorates **Black History Month**. These shows can be viewed on Comcast channels 5, and 21 and Cablevision channels 19 and 10. The celebration begins with a look at the "Wonders Of The African World" with Henry Louis Gates Jr., a six-part series airing Thursdays at 8 p.m. beginning Feb. 10. Beautiful images of Egypt, Kenya, Tanzania, Ghana, Ethiopia, and Zimbabwe accompany this exploration of Africa's rich culture and forgotten history.

The Milt Jackson Quartet featuring Gary Burton brings two world-class vibraphonists blending traditional and contemporary jazz styles in this concert recorded in Munich in 1995. This is an opportunity to catch a memory of the late Milt Jackson, who passed away recently. The performance airs on Feb. 12 at 10 p.m.

"Can't You Hear The Wind Howl? The Life and Music of Robert Johnson," chronicles the influence of the legendary folk-blues guitarist through contemporary form blues notables, including Eric Clapton, and dramatic reissues by Keb' Mo' (Kevin Moore). The performance airs Feb. 15 at 8 p.m.



Ella Fitzgerald

"Dee Dee Bridgewater Salutes Ella Fitzgerald," this 1997 concert from the Berlin Jazz Festival features Bridgewater and an all-star orchestra including Slide Hampton, Benny Powell, Kenny Burrell, Milt Jackson, Ray Brown, and Grady Tate performing Fitzgerald favorites including "A-Tisket," "My Heart Belongs to Daddy," and "How High the Moon." This show airs at 8p.m. and will be followed by The Temptations. Get ready performing "Papa Was a Rolling Stone," "My Girl," and all their old standards.

February 10

NAACP Metuchen-Edison presents, "The State of Black America: Issues Facing Black America in the New Millennium." The discussion will include goals, solutions and an outline of plan of action. The discussion will take place at the Edison Job Corps 500 Plainfield Ave., Edison.

February 10-16

The Black United Fund of New Jersey presents East Orange Arts Festival, or a day of film.

A collection of new and classic film will be presented at the East Orange Public Library. At 6 p.m. there will be a special preview: "Paul Robeson, A Commentary."

On February 13, meet "The Writer/The Poet/The Author" Hubert Reeder and friends read original and selected prose from classic and contemporary African and African American poets. Reeder is the author of "Gates Fund Four" will conduct a poetry writing workshop from 2-3 p.m. The event will be held at the Ambrose Ward Mansion. February 16, "The Black Aviators Endurance and Perseverance."

The African Art Museum of the SMA Fathers present Africa on Film: Then and Now, 2000.

Feb. 12 will showcase "Liberia: The Promised Land," a piece narrated by Richard Tolbert, son of the slain president of Liberia. From 18th Century dream to a 20th Century nightmare, following this film will be "The Language You Cry In."

Directed by Alvaro Toepke and Angel Serrano. The film recounts the story of an anthropological search which resulted in the reunion of a South Carolinian Gullah woman with her kinsmen in Southern Sierra Leone after 200 years.

The Feb. 19 showing will present "These Hands," directed by Flora Mmbaga-Schelling in 1992 in Swahili and Kimkonde with English subtitles. The film documents women whose only income is earned by breaking rocks by hand for a quarry in Tanzania.

February 9-15

New Jersey City University presents "Message in the Music Urban Hip-Hop as a Social Movement," with keynote speaker Dr. James Stewart, Penn State University, from 12-2 p.m. in the

Gilligan Student Union Building and Multipurpose Room.

An evening performance by Imani Winda Classical Wood Ensemble and Blues Guitarist will take place from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Gothic Lounge.

February 14 "Love Poetry" with Dr. Charles Lynch from 5-6 p.m. in the Formal Lounge.

Faculty Scholar Series from 12-1:30 p.m. on Feb. 15, speakers Dr. Mahgetta Assefa, "Plants from Africa" and Ernest Simmons, "An Update on Liberia" will take place in the Gilligan Student Union Building. "Like It Is" host Gil Noble will hold a discussion from 4:30-7 p.m. in the Rossey building room 412, also on Feb. 15.

February 10

The Newark Public Library presents "The James Brown Lecture Series," with the keynote speaker the inimitable Amiri Baraka, poet, playwright, and community activist. He will discuss the life and contributions of the pioneering African American librarian, James Brown (1937-1991).

Black History Area Facts

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Amiri Baraka

Harris Costley and Evelyn Jackson were the first women of color to be hired by the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company in Newark. They were selected from the honor roll at South Side High School — now Shabazz — by the principal in January 1943.

Because of their excellent performance in the work force, the telephone company initiated a campaign to hire more minorities from the class of June 1943 from Montclair, the Oranges and later other cities.

Did you know Wynona Lipman was the first African American woman of New Jersey elected to the Senate.

Did you know James Miller Baxter was the first African American principal in Newark in 1864.

Did you know Larry West Starks was the first African American Executive on the Planning Board of Essex County 1962.

Did you know facts provided by Bernice Sanders.

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Alonzo Adams Artist

Alonzo Adams' exclusive one-person exhibit celebrating Black History Month will be on view for two weeks only, Feb. 12-26, at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

A sizable commissioned work by Adams for the pre-natal care unit of Harlem Hospital was unveiled in January portraying 100 years of African-American distinguished individuals from Frederick Douglass to Jackie Joyner-Kersey and more. In the painting, children observe their heroes and heroines. Among mostly watercolors and some oils in the Swain exhibit, limited edition prints including the Harlem commissions are on view. The artist along with the Plainfield Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., recognizing the importance of nurturing young artist, will also present on Feb. 12, "Millennium: A View." This concept will showcase youth from Plainfield public schools who have submitted art work to be judged by Adams and a panel of judges at Woodland School from 1-3 p.m. The grandprize winner will travel with Adams to a New York Art Gallery and will receive personalized instruction on his/her art work from the renowned artist.

"I paint my passions and right now I have two: a two and one-half year old son and golf," stated the artist who lives in Plainfield and has garnered national acclaim.

Within his depiction's of everyday life in the African American community, those with children show their activities and games. Adams said that NY Knicks basketball star Patrick Ewing recently purchased a painting of a schoolyard basketball game. He added that many celebrities and athletes collect his work including Maya Angelou, Sen. Bill Bradley, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Eddie Murphy and more. Through a fellowship awarded by Bill Cosby, Adams received his MFA from the University of Pennsylvania.

The artist added that some current paintings involve relationships between men and women, a subject that is yet another timeless aspect of everyday experience that interests him.

"Painting is my passion, it is my escape from a chaotic world," said Adams. "In art, I find the essence of life in its purest form. I try to reach into the souls of people and touch on emotions. If I can do this without sacrificing my artistic integrity, then my quest is complete."


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Executive Editor Alfred Edmond Jr. reveals the Black Wealth Initiative, BLACK ENTERPRISE Magazine's comprehensive wealth-building program. He will challenge listeners to embrace and sign the Declaration of Financial Empowerment, a self-empowerment tool that will help African Americans commit to take charge of their finances. Special guest speaker Mr. George Fraser author of "Success Runs In Our Race".

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Editor-At-Large Derek T. Dingle provides you with the steps you can take to turn a hobby or a skill into a thriving business venture. The program will also include tips on how to instill the same entrepreneurial spirit in your child. Special guest speaker Ms. Terrie Williams, President The Terrie Williams Agency.

May 16
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Editor-At-Large Derek T. Dingle gives the annual report of the B.E. 100s-the nation's largest black-owned businesses and reveals significant trends that may hamper and propel African American owned enterprises.

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ARC of Union receives CARF accreditation

PLAINFIELD - The Arc of Union County, which serves more than 700 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, has achieved CARF accreditation for a period of three years.

This accreditation, which represents the highest level of national accreditation, is awarded to organizations that show substantial fulfillment of the standards established by CARF and indicate that present conditions represented an established pattern of total operations that is likely to be maintained in the foreseeable future.

CARF is a private, not-for-profit, Tucson-based accreditation body established in 1966 that is committed to promoting the best value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served.

According to Donald E. Galvin, Ph.D., President and CEO of CARF, "The Arc of Union County has put itself through a rigid peer review process and has demonstrated that its programs and services are of the highest quality: measurable and accountable."

The Arc of Union County is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to enriching the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities since 1949. The Arc of Union County has been providing supports and services to Union County citizens with developmental disabilities and their families.

The volunteers and employees of our organization are driven to provide the highest quality of supports, and services to our community," said Frank X. Caragher, Executive Director of The Arc of Union County. "Receiving this third-year CARF accreditation confirms their strong efforts and success."

Tobacco and African Americans: Then and now

Part 2 of 4 Tobacco and a newly freed people

A four-part series created by Young Communications Group on behalf of the African American Tobacco Education Network

This article is the second in a series of articles chronicling the history of African Americans and tobacco.

Tobacco cultivation was a primary reason slavery flourished in America.

Many blacks who arrived in the New World as indentured servants became slaves in the tobacco fields, losing all hope of earning their freedom. After the Civil War, newly-emancipated blacks continued their subservience to tobacco. No longer slaves in the fields, African Americans nonetheless were closely tied to tobacco as its use became an ingrained part of black culture.

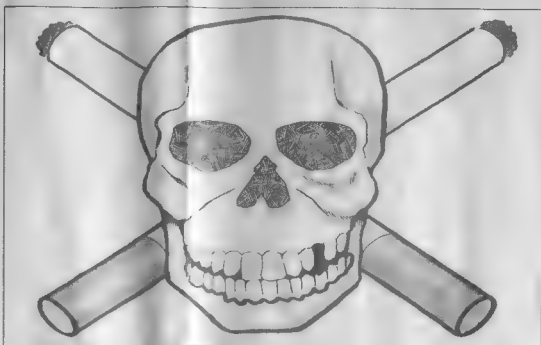
Early Habits

In the book, "Labor of Love: Labor of Sorrow" by Jacqueline Jones (1985), ex-slave Hannah Davidson told a Federal Writers' Project researcher, who was compiling first-person slave narratives, about to fling from dawn until midnight for her slave master and ex-slave, Amanda Harris. Harris recalled memories of her grandmother before the Civil War telling the researcher, "Used to see her puffin on dat ole pipe o' bet'n, an' one day I sat her what fun she got outen it."

"Tain't no fun, chile, she sote me. But'n, pow'ful lot of talement. Now to bet'n, in an air as was I know what she mean."

Richard Kluger writes in "Ashes to Ashes," America's Hundred-Year Cigarette War: The Public Health, and the Unabashed Triumph of Philip Morris (1996) that initially pipes were the most common way to consume tobacco.

Chewing tobacco and later, cigarettes, he writes, became



popular with "the less exalted sector of American society," because cigarettes could be "quickly consumed and easily snuffed out on the job."

By 1880, writes Kluger, "The leisurely pipe seemed at once a remnant of a slower tempo and cigar fumes were newly offensive amid thronged city life. Chewing tobacco was a sprayer of tuberculosis and other contagions [diseases] and thus an official health menace."

Toiling for Tobacco

According to Jones, by the end of the 18th century, nine out of 10 African Americans lived in the South and 80 percent, these resided in rural areas. What most southern blacks worked as tenants, sharecroppers or contract laborers in cotton fields. Some were still virtual slaves in the tobacco industry, either toiling in fields oreking out wages in tobacco factories.

Writing on behalf of the United States Department of Labor, Women's Bureau in 1913, Emma L. Shields noted in her study of black women in the tobacco

industry that workers had to work standing up in sweltering, dirty-lit workrooms, the air usually so laden with fumes that was "nauseating."

It was not uncommon, she wrote, to see workers with handkerchiefs tied over their nostrils, preventing inhaling the stifling, rankling air. Laborers recruited, contracted respiratory ailments and cankerous sores on their hands and lips.

The Great Migration

The onset of World War I in 1917 prompted African Americans to migrate to northern and midwestern states to work in factories.

Dr. Charles M. Christian writes in "Black Saga: The African American Experience, 1988," "Northern industrialists recruited large numbers of blacks when immigration restrictions reduced their supply of immigrant labor."

More than likely, newly arrived blacks to the northern states curtailed their pipe and chewing habits to conform to urban life.

During World War I, Kluger writes, soldiers smoked in such great numbers that tobacco factories worked overtime. Soldiers (of whom approximately 400,000 were black) brought their cigarette habits back home to their women — many of whom were fighting up as well.

Economic Woes

Life in northern cities was hard for blacks, especially after the war when many lost their jobs to returning white servicemen. The stock market crash in 1929 signaled the beginning of the Great Depression, but blacks had been feeling the effects of a lethargic economy for several years.

As life got harder, tobacco companies prospered. According to interviews with African American men who grew up in that era, they frequently smoked to exhibit their masculinity.

"In those days, all my friends smoked," recalls Cab Maroon, a teenager in Philadelphia during this period. "I started smoking at 14. You felt like a sassy if you didn't smoke."

In "Growing Up Black in Rural Mississippi" (1992), Dr. Chalmers Archer Jr. writes about his life in the 1930s as a rural boy in a sharecropping family.

He describes with affection how his father's male, Old Tom, cooperated when his father wanted to smoke.

"Papa would roll cigarettes while turning at the end of one row to start down another. This was made easier because Old Tom knew how to pace himself during the turn so Papa could roll and light his cigarettes."

America Smokes

In "Ashes to Ashes," Kluger writes about the significance of World War II on cigarette smoking. In light of imminent carnage, any risk attached to consuming cigarettes seemed irrelevant.

The U.S. military machine would eventually require 12 million bodies to operate it, and they smoked an average of 30 cigarettes a day. Kluger writes that "World War II guaranteed a vastly expanded future customer base, as millions of previously nonsmoking youngsters in the service sampled the product... and became addicted to it." Dr. Christian estimates that about 10 million African Americans smoked in World War II. Back home, women were smoking in unprecedented numbers.

At the same time, Hollywood began enhancing the popularity of cigarettes by portraying smoking as a suave, sophisticated and sexy habit.

Blacks, who struggled to be a part of the dominant culture, were especially influenced by the stresses pressures to smoke as whites.

By now, cigarette smoking was a habit entrenched in African America, an culture as in the rest of American society. Little did anyone know the high price blacks Americans would have to pay for this insidious habit.

Black soldiers, hospitals on VA Secretary's Agenda

PALM SPRINGS, Calif (NNPA) — People are the first concern of U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Doug M. West Jr. Those in his charge are the nation's 25 million veterans of whom almost three percent are black.

Sloan talked with the NNPA briefly before speaking at the association's Mid-Winter Conference here.

His interest with Black soldiers includes the long-marginalized Negro soldier of World War II recognized by the Clinton administration this past decade.

"It's high time," he says of their overdue recognition. "It's a little late, but it's high time. It's a lot late."

"Those veterans had to, as has been said often, endure the strains of combat in the Pacific and in Europe against despotism abroad while discrimination was affecting their families here," he said.

The 57-year-old Winston-Salem, N.C. native and Howard University Law School graduate knows about how, thanks to Jim Crow, Negro soldiers were not allowed into places where German prisoners of war were welcome.

"So the story is not a pretty one, [and] it's high time that they are being recognized in so many different ways."

Being recognized more and more are guys who serve. The "don't ask, don't tell" policy implemented by the armed services is not working the way Clinton, the military and gay groups hoped it would.

"I believe that every single American citizen has something to contribute to the defense of this country," and West. "I know



Secretary of Veterans Affairs Doug M. West Jr.

"I don't ask, don't tell" was a compromise, to try to resolve conflicting points of view, conflicting interests.

"Until the Congress and that's the Congress that has to give us permission-gives us permission to do something better, something more extensive. I think that don't ask, don't tell is a policy that we're going to stick with."

Some cost-cutters in Congress and elsewhere think Americans are stuck with too many unused VA hospitals. West's answer is more out-patient health care and hospitals placed nearer to where veterans live.

"The reality for us is we need our medical facilities, but we need to use them differently," he said.

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Marvin Sapp: The preacher 'who happens to sing'

By Rob Williams

His message inspires people to sing his praises, sway their arms in the air, march in place, squirt their eyes as they bow their heads, and catch the spirit that puts a spring in your step.

This scene has all the elements of a Sunday service church scene, until you realize you're not at church, you're at a Marvin Sapp music concert.

And this Grand Rapids, Mich. associate and youth pastor at Bethel Pentecostal Church will tell you that whether it's a concert or a sermon, it's all the same to him.

"I am not a singer who happens to preach," said Sapp. "I am a preacher — called of God — who happens to sing."

This preacher is now in the middle of promotions for his latest album, "Nothing Else Matters," off the Myrrh Records' "Black Music Division" label, his third solo effort. Sapp, who is coming off the success of his first two albums, "Marvin Sapp" and "Grace and Mercy," said his objective with this album was to create a more edgy sound with an "urban pop appeal."

"It is a collage. It has so many different styles, from traditional to urban contemporary music," Sapp said.

Some of those sounds can be heard in "Give Thanks," which

talks about how Christians need to give thanks to God in not only the good situations, but the bad as well.

"Give Thanks" deals with how we as believers need to learn to bless God no matter what state we're in. We haven't learned to do that," said Sapp.

"You're the only answer to the situation we've gotten ourselves into."
— a verse from the song "Nothing Else Matters"

who resides with his wife MaLinda, and their three children: Marvin II, 5, Mikaila, 2, and Madison, his newborn. "We thank God in the good times, but if we were to lose everything, would we thank Him in that situation too? Every test we go through eventually comes to an end, and if we can look for the purpose in it while we're in the midst of it, we can thank God for it all."

Fortunately for Sapp, he has had a lot to be thankful for in regards to his career. After starting his career with Bishop T.D.

Jakes, and Commissioned, he has won various awards for both his solo projects and his work with other groups. In 1992 and 1994 he was nominated as a member of Commissioned for a Grammy Award in the category of "Contemporary Gospel Artist of the Year." In 1998, he earned a Dove Award nomination and a Stellar Award nomination for his self-titled debut, and a Grammy Award nomination and a Soul Train nomination for "Grace and Mercy." That album also earned him a Dove nomination in 1999 along with a Stellar Award nomination.

Sapp was also honored with an honorary Doctorate in Divinity from Eamon Bible College in Indianapolis, Ind.

Sapp has also turned his career into a path for others to pave theirs. Sapp created Marvin Outreach Ministries, which is a service-oriented organization that promotes community outreach and involvement. Under the organization, Sapp has created scholarships and internships for students to learn about the music business, marketing, and public relations, while providing financial stipends for participants.

Other standouts on the album include "Power," "What About the Children," and "You Brought Me," and "We Need You Right Now."



Marvin Sapp

MUSIC NOTES

Houston, Santana to perform at Arista Special



Whitney Houston

Whitney Houston and Santana will perform at Arista Records' anniversary special honoring the label's 25 years in existence.

Deborah Cox, Monica, and Annie Lennox are also scheduled to be at the event, called "25 Years of No. 1 Hits Arista Records' Anniversary Celebration," which will be held April 10 at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

The show will air on NBC on May 15 at 8 p.m. (EST) in time for television's sweeps week. Other guests will be added as the weeks progress.

Clive Davis founded Arista Records in 1975, and has amassed a roster of talent including Sean "Puffy" Combs, label Bad Boy Records, and signed artists like The Notorious B.I.G., Lil' Kim, Faith Evans, Total, 112, LaFace Records whose artists include Babyface T.C., Donnell Jones, Toni Braxton and Goodie Mob and others like Aretha Franklin, Kenny G and Lisa Stansfield.

Tone-Loc to record first album in seven years

Tone-Loc, best known for his deep, scratchy voice and his 1980s classic, "Wild Thing," is taking plans to record an album by the end of next year.

Tone-Loc, whose last album "Cool Hand Loc" was released in 1993, has been busy with various movie and television projects. Some of his accolades include his character in the animated black comedy, "BeBe's Kids," and appearances in "Poetic Justice," "Ace Ventura Pet Detective," "Heat," with Al Pacino and Robert DeNiro, and "Touched by an Angel," and "B.".

Recently, Tone-Loc has been busy with the song "Dream Weaver," a rock hit recorded by Gary Wright in 1976. "Tone Loc" version of the song will be the theme song to "Dreamweavers," a television series he is set to star in.

Kris Kross to make second comeback attempt with new album

The Atlanta-based rapping duo Kris Kross, known for their debut hit "Jump" and for wearing their pants backwards, are scheduled to release an album in the summer of this year.

The album, which has yet to be titled, will be the duo's fourth album and the first of Joe Nicolo's Judgement Records, the new label Nicolo started since breaking with Ruthhouse Records.

The album is being produced by Jermaine Dupri, who spotted the Chris "Daddy Mack" Smith and Chris "Mack Daddy" Kelly, when they were 13 years old, in 1991 at a local mall and produced the duo's first three albums.

The duo's 1992 song "Jump" was number one for eight weeks and sold four million copies off the debut album, "Totally Krossed Out."

The Shirelles to perform at Essex County College



The Shirelles were an inspiration for many acts that received fortune and fame

One of New Jersey's most famous acts will come home Saturday 19 at Essex County College in Newark at 7:30 p.m.

The Mary Birch Theater An Evening with the Shirelles, featuring original member Beverly Lee, will feature some of the group's biggest hits including "You Still Love Me Tomorrow," which made history as the first number one single by an all-girl group when it was released in the 1960s, and "Dedicated to the One I Love," "Foolish Little Girl," "Everybody Loves a Lover," "Mama Said," and "Tonight's the Night." The group first gained notoriety when they performed as students at Passaic High School talent show in 1957. A classmate whose father owned a small record label was there that night and helped propel the group into the spotlight. They were the first women group to sell a million records and first to be named "Best Female Group" for five consecutive years in Cash Box and Billboard. They also influenced others like Dionne Warwick and John Lennon. For information, call 973-877-4420.

Boomerang to air this week on WWOR-TV



The African Heritage Network (AHN) Prime-Time Presentations hosted by Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee present the broadcast of Boomerang starring Eddie Murphy as Marcus Graham, a savvy New York City marketing executive and popular ladies' man who eventually meets his match in this hilarious but romantic film. Boomerang will air February 13 at 8 p.m. and February 20 at 3 p.m. on WWOR-TV.

State Theater presents Smokey Joe's Cafe



The State Theater presents "Smokey Joe's Cafe" on Saturday, February 12 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. In New Brunswick, the show is a tribute to Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller — two prolific songwriters who wrote many hits during the 1950s and 1960s. Smokey Joe's Cafe won the 1998 Grammy Award for Best Musical and was nominated for seven 1999 Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Director, and Best Choreography. The play ended its five-year run on Broadway last month.

Hines to receive Sammy Davis Jr. honor

DETROIT — Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and Ford Motor Company announced that the late Sammy Davis Jr. will be recognized as the 2000 Ford Freedom Award winner over a two-day celebration scheduled for February 17-18. Gregory Hines has been named as the Ford Freedom Award Scholar in honor of Sammy Davis Jr., and will be in Detroit to play an active role in the two-day celebration.

Davis was selected to receive the award because of his pioneering and relentless pursuit to break down barriers to African Americans in the entertainment industry. Through trailblazing efforts in the areas of dance, song, acting, and impersonation, many African American entertainers who followed were afforded opportunities previously reserved for only Whites.

As the Freedom Award Scholar, Gregory Hines will bring the legacy of Sammy Davis Jr. to life. As dancer, actor, and choreographer, Hines — like Davis — made his mark in film, television, and Broadway. Considered by many as a "prodigy," Hines' amazing range of talent earned him a Tony Award in 1992 for his work in the Broadway production, "Jelly's Last Jam."

Gregory Hines

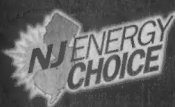
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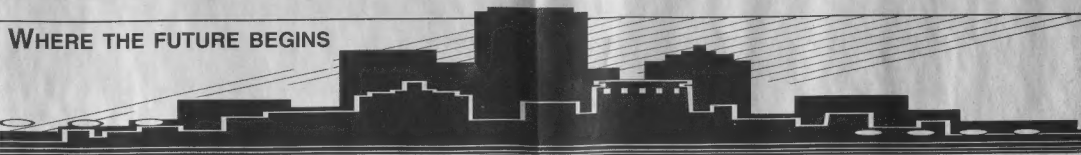
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Ponder This...

By Greg Moore

For the NBA & Spree, all is not well

Once again the NBA has proved that old grudges die hard. Thankfully for the fans, the major honors over which the NBA exerts influence is currently limited to the selection of NBA All-Stars and U.S. Olympians. But boy can they jock those selections up! Sure, the NBA will tell you that coaches and selection committees select All-Star reserves and Olympic team participants respectively, but the NBA's culture of rewarding "good guys" has clearly infiltrated the coaching ranks. Milwaukee's Ray Allen, Utah's John Stockton, Atlanta's Steve Smith and Dale Davis represent the sort of "good guys" which annually supplant superior players such as Latrell Sprewell, and Stephen Marbury on NBA All-Star teams. In so far as Sprewell is concerned, the NBA and its coaches clearly hold a grudge against a guy who not only led the Knicks to the finals, but also conducted himself relatively well over the last year-and-a-half. The fact that many fans have forgiven Sprewell for his transgressions against P.J. Carlesimo, the NBA establishment apparently has not. I'm not suggesting that the NBA should never take character into consideration in cases where two players are virtually indistinguishable, but the league's preoccupation with rewarding so-called "good guys" often results in questionable selections which ultimately undermine the quality of the game. I'd like to remind the NBA that they already have an award for exemplary off-court conduct: the Walter J. Kennedy Citizenship Award.

Mom's 'don't give up' attitude scores big with son

By Kelly Foster

Twelve years ago, Andrew Conforti's family was returning home from a family outing when a drunk driver ran a red light and hit their car. Andrew suffered hearing damage, and his siblings were also injured, but his mother, Donna, was seriously hurt. The injuries she sustained left her with no use of her right leg and minimal feeling in her left leg and confined to a wheelchair. Since the accident she's been in and out of the hospital and rehab.

His parents divorced about two years after the accident and more responsibilities fell on Conforti and his siblings. Conforti had to do a lot of the shopping and cooking. He recalls having to use food stamps for groceries and being responsible for retrieving his mother's prescriptions from the pharmacy.

"Yeah, I had some responsibilities that maybe my friends didn't have," says Conforti, whose older brother was most affected because he had to fill his father's shoes. "He took care of my mom a lot." Once his brother and sister left for college, the

bulk of household tasks fell on Conforti.

Though Conforti's mom used to be quite mobile, now she is basically homebound, laments Conforti. "She's not very mobile. She pretty much goes to games and to the hospital. She hasn't been out very much this past year." He's grateful to the group of football parents who prepare meals for his family on a rotating basis.

The congenial Conforti is indignant when the topic of drunk driver is broached. "It pisses me off," he declares. "What makes me mad is people who get in a car with someone who's been drinking. When these people get into accidents, I find it hard to feel sorry for them. That is your own mistake. When I hear that someone has been drinking and driving, I'd like to tell them my story."

It's not hard to figure out that Conforti has tremendous admiration and respect for his mother. He could talk forever about how inspirational she is. Her spirits remain high, and she refuses to wallow in misery. Conforti admits things are frustrating for her.



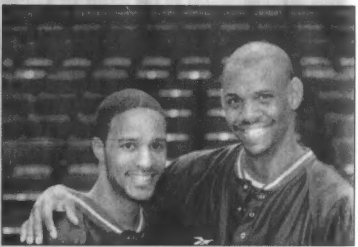
Hunterdon Central football players Jared Mazzetta (left) and Andrew Conforti give teammate Gary Gaines a boost.

(She) is constantly pushing herself. She has to do that, because it has to be done. So much has happened to her. You can't believe what she has to go through, dealing with doctors all the time. If I ever get down, I think what do I have to get down about? Even when I'm lifting (weights) I think about how she can hardly lay in bed without

hurting. I'm a very happy person. I'm much happier than many other kids, because I feel that I'm lucky to have what I have. I'm so grateful for what I have. Every day I'm grateful I have her still."

He smiles contentedly. "Nobody matches up to my mom. Nobody."

Globetrotters' 1999-2000 tour 'Positively Magical'



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